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REF: MTN GENEVA 6391

SUMMARY: PURSUANT TO PROCDURES AGREED TO IN THE TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP, MTN DEL MADE PRELIMINARY CONTACT WITH UGANDAN DELEGATE TO SET A DATE FOR CLARIFYING UGANDA'S TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST LIST TO THE US. CONTACT WAS MADE PRIOR TO MTN DEL REALIZATION THAT WE DO NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH UGANDA. FULL DETAILS OF TRIPICAL PRODUCTS PROCDURES AND CONTACT ARE BEING PROVIDED IN THE RCOGNITION THAT NUANCES ARE IMPORTANT. END SUMMARY

1. TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP OF THE MTN AGREED TO REQUEST/OFFER PROCEDURES IN MARCH AND JUNE MEETINGS. PROCEDURES CALLED FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY PARTICIPANTS TO SUBMIT REQUEST LISTS TO DEVELOP-
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OPED COUNTRIES, CLARIFICATION OF THE REQUEST LISTS ON A BILATERAL

BASIS BY TH REQUESTING COUNTRY AND THE COUNTRY OF WHOM THE REQUESTS WERE MADE, AND PRELIMINARY SUBSTANTIV REACTIONS TO THE REQUEST LIST AT THE EARLIEST DATE POSSIBLE. UGANDA SUBMITTED TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST LIST TO THE US ON JULY 17, WHICH WAS FORWARDED BY GENEVA A-287 TO INTRESTED AGENCIES ON JULY 18. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF WHOM REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO COMPLETE A ROUND OF CLARIFICATION SESSIONS WITH ALL REQUESTING COUNTRIES PRIOR TO THE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER AND SOME DEVELOPED COUNTRIES HAVE SCHEDULED A SECOND ROUND PRIOR TO OCT 20 IN WHICH TO GIVE THEIR PRELIMINARY SUBSTANTIVE REACTIONS. (FYI: US HAS COMPLETED 21 OF 27 CLARIFICATION SESSIONS. END FYI)

2. GATT SECRETARIAT IN AN EFFORT TO ASSIST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN COMPLETING THESE CLARIFICATION SESSIONS CONTACTED THE UGANDAN DELEGATE WHO IS RESIDENT IN PARIS. SECRETARIAT PROVIDED MTN DEL WITH INFORMATION CONCERNING UGANDAN'S PRESENC IN GENEVA. A SECRETARY IN THE MTN DEL CONTACTED UGANDAN DELEGATE ON SEPT 23 ON INSTRUCTIONS OF MTN DEL TROPICAL PRODUCTS PROJECT MANAGER TO SET AN APPOINTMENT TO DISCUSS TROPICAL PRODUCTS. UGANDAN RESPONDED THAT HE WAS AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM KAMPALA BUT THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE TO MEET BEFORE SEPT 26. WE HAVE HEARD THAT TH UGANDAN MADE A SIMILAR REPLY TO THE NORDIC DELEGATION WITH TH ELABORATION THAT HE WAS SEEKING AN EXPERT FROM BRUSSELS OR KAMPALA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLARIFICATION SESSIONS.

3. DEPT AND STR SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT TH US AND UGANDA ARE BOTH CONTRACTING PARTIES TO THE GATT. ACCOUNT SHOULD ALSO BE TAKEN OF OUR EARLIER REPORT THAT CUBA IS CONSIDERING MAKING A TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST TO THE US.

4. MTN DEL NEDS INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO DEAL WITH UGANDA'S REQUEST LIST AND THE QUESTION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH UGANDA.WALKER

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